

Noah Webster House (Noah Webster Birthplace)
227 South Main Street
West Hartford
Hartford County
Connecticut

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STATE Connecticut	COUNTY Hartford	TOWN OR VICINITY West Hartford
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Noah Webster House (<u>National Register</u> ,... 1976)		HABS NO. CT-16
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Noah Webster Birthplace		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 227 South Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1676 (<u>National Register</u> ..., 1976)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Birthplace (1758) of Noah Webster author of textbooks, histories and <u>An American Dictionary of English Language</u> (1828), the basis of today's American dictionary. Characteristic of late 17th century New England architecture.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) 17th Century Colonial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame, weatherboarding		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, 2½ stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gabled roof, central chimney		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Rear lean-to and ell added, dates unknown, restored		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Museum		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) <u>National Register of Historic Places</u> , R.M. Greenberg, Ed., Washington, D.C. Department of the Interior, 1976.		
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